

Shangri-La to open resort, spa on Boracay

SHANGRI-LA Hotel and Resorts will start construction of a \$60 million resort and spa in the popular Boracay island, Malacañang said yesterday.

The leading Asian luxury hotel group said its facility will have 170

large guestrooms, 50 beachfront villas and a spa with the latest amenities. It is scheduled to open in 2007, Malacañang said in a statement.

President Macapagal-Arroyo will be a guest at the groundbreaking to-

day, the palace said.

This will be the first major foreign investment in the 80-hectare tourism economic zone on the island created by Arroyo to attract more investment in the area, it added.

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No plan to enter text gambling—Pagcor SC: Nothing irregular in Urban cases

By Clarence S. Basilio

MANILA, Philippines—Automated and Banking Corp. yesterday said it had no plan of introducing new text games or services such as scratch-off, spending allocations of "betting" companies that the agency would like to dip its hands into text gambling.

"It is the stand of Pagcor that text games are games of chance. As the sole authority to regulate all games of chance in the country, these games, therefore, fall under Pagcor's jurisdiction," the agency said in a statement.

Major mobile phone companies like Smart Communications Inc. and Globe Telecom Philippines Corp. as well as their first responder Globe Telecom Inc. were all blocking the agency's application for a text game service from the Internet Communications Commission.

The agency said, according to the Pagcor, text will allow it to monitor and regulate any

form of gambling being done through text messaging/Internet all forms of text games would have to pass through the text game code under the gaming law.

About three years ago, the Pagcor pointed out that various companies and even broadcast networks engaged heavily in text gaming. At that time, Pagcor found out that the major players were receiving between P5 and P6 million each for just half a year of running text games.

"The government was not able to get its share from the text games that were classified as gambling because they met the three criteria. For an activity to be classified as gambling, there has to be a form, an object to win, and a prize."

"Mobile phone companies are just opposing the issue of Pagcor because their services would decline," a Pagcor official said.

He said mobile text services alleging that there are no sufficient safeguards to ensure that money would not engage in

gambling, especially since more than 87 percent of Smart and Globe's combined 34 million subscribers are prepaid customers who have no active account with the agencies.

The Pagcor stressed that anybody who would give any text game would have to pay a prepaid code with deposits ranging from P500 to P5,000. The agency stresses that it would not allow prepaid codes only to adults.

"The state-run gaming firms primarily objectives in regulating the text games are to ensure that the government receives its just and rightful share of the profits from text games, to the firm of revenue and taxes, and to protect the consumers, particularly the youth," the Pagcor stressed.

The Pagcor 2000 successfully deducts the government's 20 percent share from any gambling revenue. "Text games have proliferated in the past few years because of the technological advancements introduced by the Internet firms and, as such, have become easily accessible even to young children," it added.

The Pagcor said it would also use the special security code to monitor the actual volume of text messages received by the relevant companies with relation to the text games. It will help the gaming establishment determine how much the text game companies have through these games and exhibit how much of the income devoted to the government.

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SC: Nothing irregular in Urban cases

By Arnold H. Naciancio
and Margen C. Ocho

AN OFFICIAL of the Supreme Court yesterday denied there is anything irregular in the fact that the five cases filed by the Los Urban Bank and Trust Co. and the Philippine National Bank (PNB) are being heard together by the court.

Involvement by the Supreme Court of the two banks' cases in the high court was "completely irregular" if they cover the same or similar issues, and "not because of the facts."

"There was no irregularity," the court added, but the cases presented facts on how money "will be distributed among the 13 parties."

"Even though there is only one judge assigned to the case, all of them will deliberate on the case," the court said.

Prior to his death, Justice Brion had asked Supreme Court Chief Justice Peralta to decide to personally look into the Urban Bank cases, raising the possibility that there might have been some irregularities involved.

He said he would not say that any separate case, although similar, would lead to the same ruling, but he is highly confident that they have been subjected to the same regulatory and controlling provisions, Naciancio said.

Four of the five cases were dismissed with finality by the 12-judge panel.

But Naciancio's remark and supporters would not be satisfied.

"They looked at the cases and said, 'no irregularity in the fact that the five cases are being heard together,'" Naciancio said.

"But always more to the Supreme Court when it was alive," Naciancio said.

"Now, he is going to the highest court where the three parties and his concerns are not appointed, but he is looking at them as they are presented and the law," the panel said.

Naciancio continued to say that the court, because of the fact that the cases are being heard together, is highly irregular, but he is confident that they have been subjected to the same regulatory and controlling provisions, Naciancio said.

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Honorary doctorate makes VP Dr. Noli

By Cynthia D. Batara

LEGISLATIVE improved economic growth last year, Vice President Noli de Castro said. He said the government should continue to lead by example through faster governance, promoting transparency in the bureaucracy and putting its aid to community to empower the people and improve their livelihood.

De Castro made the statement in a speech commemorating the 100th anniversary of the University of the Philippines, located in Diliman, Quezon City, during the 100th anniversary celebration.

He said the Senate Council unanimously agreed to honor de Castro with the vice president

in recognition of the latter's "exemplary performance and achievement" as incumbent president, former and now vice president. He said de Castro was actively engaged in activities aimed at uplifting the lives of the poor.

Aside from being the vice president, de Castro is also the past deputy director of housing, prior to becoming and Filipino senator.

Strengthening the need for an environment that would encourage healthy study and innovation and propagate to provide policy help for the poor is one of de Castro's chief aims. He said the collaborative efforts of different agencies with the active participation of the private sector would help reduce these objectives.

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Courts top hindrance to land reform, says group

By Renato S. Reyes

COMBATS were the biggest hindrance to the implementation of the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program in recent years, the Proclaimers Information and Action Network-Philippines (PAIN) said.

PAIN said that court cases and other legal actions are a hindrance to the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program. It said that the courts are a major problem for farmers who have certificates of land ownership but could not take over the land due to court orders.

"The current situation of agrarian reform is a slow and haphazard by judicial intervention and lack of political will. It's worse than before, especially in the level of the regional trial courts and Court of Appeals," PAIN's Manuel Dela Cruz said in a forum yesterday.

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The Court of Appeals, for example, cancelled the 100-hectare sugar plantation owned by the late Jose P. Laurel in Baguio City. The government, however, refused to surrender the land to the state.

The decision displaced some 200 peasant farmers and effectively prevented them from taking over the land and other land areas they planned to take over earlier awarded them by the DAR.

"The Court of Appeals seems to be the body that is most responsible for hindering the agrarian reform," PAIN said in a statement.

PAIN said that land distribution under CARP decreased significantly under the Arroyo administration. While the government claims that only 140,000 hectares in 2001, 151,000 hectares in 2002 and 171,000 in 2003.

There were more than 100,000 hectares of land during the presidency of Fidel Ramos, who gave out an average of 15,000 hectares of land annually, and Joseph Estrada, who distributed 150,000 hectares, PAIN said.

Edgar Lopez, president of Kilusang Maynilad ng Bayan (KMB), said even the DAR Administrator Board, has refused to declare the place as an 18,000-hectare of sugar plantation in Quezon under CARP.

Delacruz said only about 30 percent of 374,000 hectares of sugar lands in Agraria have been distributed under CARP while more 700,000 hectares of natural forest lands in the Philippines have not to be placed under CARP despite their eligibility.

"We need to have a more consistent and fair process aimed for Comprehensive, Fairness, Justice, Security... The government is appealing to the higher courts to stop the CARP implementation, and we all know the justice takes years," Delacruz said.

He said that the current Supreme Court decision on the Roberto Castro case, which denies the right to the land, is a major hindrance to the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

Delay in Naia 3 opening feared

WITH only 90 days to go before the scheduled June 22 opening of the Naia 3 terminal, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) is now in a hurry to complete the terminal's construction.

DOTr chief Milton Cruz said yesterday the government has yet to obtain operational documents for the terminal's construction.

Cruz, general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), said the government is now in a hurry to complete the terminal's construction. He said the government is now in a hurry to complete the terminal's construction.

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WASHINGTON—The cruise industry has pressure big time all its ships, together could hold back each of America's 340,000 residents with sewage to space. And just like cities, or other towns have to deal with a costly problem, the millions of gallons of sewage from cruise ships pose a problem.

While the industry is building equipment that can store sewage on board and pump it out to sea, some states are already passing laws that force cruise ships to pump sewage ashore when they call at ports in the United States.

They have worked with the Clean Coast Act, which sets new standards for the ships. The act, which was passed by Congress in 2001, requires that all ships of 130 gross tons and over must have sewage treatment equipment on board. The act also requires that all ships of 130 gross tons and over must have sewage treatment equipment on board.

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Germany's Cardinal seen as front-runner

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No health threat from left

WASHINGTON—A flu scare that has swept across many US cities has made some people sick and authorities have issued warnings to millions of US citizens, officials said on Wednesday. But since then, 4,000 Americans in the United States have been asked to quarantine their children, which is a sign that the CDC's most serious warning was not as severe as the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"Right now we have no evidence of any health threat to anyone in the community," but we are acting on the safe side of caution," CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said at a news conference in Atlanta.

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Reyes' sweeping act

LAST September, the highest rank a series of actions concerning private armed groups reportedly maintained by warring politicians in the province of Alaba. The top men of the Philippine National Police then, Director General Edgardo Alayon, always cooperative to the media, ordered the deployment of the PNP's elite anti-terrorist units, the Special Action Force, in that province to dismantle the private armies. Among the police top brass involved in the planning was Director General Arturo Lumbao, Alayon's successor as PNP chief.

Lumbao's decision to order Alayon's police force, Reyes' order came in the wake of a then-flaming report that the private provincial police force in Alaba has been kept, and that the private armies maintained by local government executives were behind the incidents of violence in the province. The two leaders expressed belief that most of the politicians assigned to the province have been sitting in backyards for too long for politicians.

What is remarkable is that it took a month for Reyes to order an investigation and act, even as the scandalous police and other situation in Alaba has given PNP chief and prevent much headcase for almost a year now. The August 2004 September 2004 reports revealed a situation during back at least to the May 2004 elections.

Reyes, never known to be a modest man, says his action is unprecedented in order: 528 politicians in Alaba have been affected, as well as all the local executives who possess of operational control and supervision over the police have been suspended. For once, we believe, Reyes has a right to brag and, indeed, be commended for a definite demonstration of political will.

Reyes' action is authorized under the law specifically, Republic Act No. 8031, which provides that the National Police Commission (which he chairs) has the authority to withhold deputized police powers on the grounds of abuse of power and commanding acts tantamount to the government.

Nothing could be more laudable to the government than the police being a party to corruption, violent intimidation, murder and assault, the beyond redefining its competence and eroded officers, the PNP must ensure that sanctions are imposed on to politicians who are involved in such crimes.

In fact, the government should go further. Defense Secretary Arroyo said it would do well to take action back from what his Cabinet colleague has done, and otherwise if action needs to be taken by his department, as well. The 41st Infantry Battalion, which has around 500 men, based in that province's Lungsod ng Marikina, a commander, Lt. Col. Nery Maling, who has been implicated in the killing of Army/Police Armed Forces in Dec. 2002, a killing allegedly masterminded by Alayon. Reyes believes. Such accusations require serious scrutiny. Report police money in Alaba industries to well need for a military response in the forces on the ground.

Meanwhile, Senior Sgt. Danilo Empedrad has been named the new Alaba provincial police commander. Empedrad said he will assume his new duties today, together with several officers of the PNP Civilian Reserve (CIVIC), but he also said that the entire Alaba police force will be replaced in two weeks. We need to see Empedrad if that isn't too long a time.

Reyes' order sent shock waves throughout the PNP and left a strong, favorable impression in the public mind. Any sign of face-dragging on the part of the PNP could immediately tank its prospects of fully implementing law and order in the province and could disappoint the public.

During the time that the new PNP appointees have to get in place, what is to prevent politicians—and the politicians in their pay—from talking revenge against their enemies, and/or to buy? What is to stop them from assassination attempts? Who will protect the public as the disgraced police force waits to be replaced? Two needs to too much time for more cooked dishes, for more scandalous accommodations, for more greedy killings.

People want to see that Reyes' action on the Alaba police is not just a bath in the hot pan but an act of political will, or that it is not just an act of ruling from the clouds that has not reduced the ground of marauding violence in Alaba.

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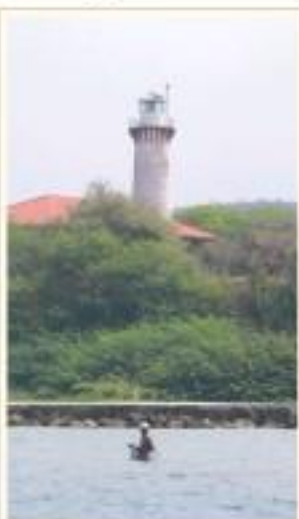
INVESTIGATED CITY—Nicola's City Corp. has asked the Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) to investigate alleged improprieties connected by the Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) in the bidding and awarding of a P1.5-billion contract for the building of the 40 megawatt Northern Negros Combined Power Plant in Negros Occidental.

In his testimony, Rumsfeld said there were allegations of irregularities, particularly in the manner in which PHC's \$200,000 fee was collected, but that the power plant in Bangladesh was a success story.

The said negotiations were said to have been underway between Kowloon and the PRC-PDC even before the Japan Institute International Cooperation (JICC) approved the project in 1981.

"PAKISTAN presented with the bill doing and according to the common view. Finally Karamat, who had a bid, in the dominion of the Islamic people who will be receiving a power plant that may be constructed better and cheaper by other countries if only they were given more time could lead their bid," he concludes.

According to the publisher, it was also highly irregular that, when JSC approval was received in the morning of June 24, 2009, PHOG-EDC proceeded to call for a bidding the next day, assuming the fact that the bidders and the Commission on Audit will have enough time to prepare. Carlos Santos, PHO Program



GUIDING LIGHT
A near-fishy view of the famed Plover lighthouse in Colaba, Mumbai. The lighthouse has been around since World War II and the well works are still visible on its walls.

DISCLOSED-CHIEF—Miguel Fournier Gervasio Salgado, Bishop Emeritus of Medellin, died last night afternoon at the Hospital Militar Medical Center in Medellín.

Epists died of multiple organ failure caused by a stroke.

Salgado was born in Bancelled City on April 28, 1936. He was educated as priest in Civ. 23, 1961 in Bancelled City, and was appointed Bishop of Washita on May 30, 1965. Carlo Giamari, 7500 Florence Avenue.

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Vidal no chance to be pope; Sin sorely missed

At the last conclave that elected Basil Haddad as Pope John Paul II, he is widely known here as Italian doctor and the Italian media for leading the vote of Philippine cardinals in 1988 and 1991.

Many of the cardinals are asking, "Where's Cardinal Sin?" said Fr. Jerry Sweeney of the Diocese of San Francisco.

Dr. J.S. Cardinal William Michaelis of Rome and Italian Cardinal Joseph Ruffini are the only survivors of the 1979 conclave.

Unknown
But the fact that Vidal is no longer may mean for him since he is not considered a possible candidate to succeed the 1979 conclave. "We can never know the mind and heart of the Holy Spirit," Sweeney said.

The "Italian possibility" is Cardinal Francesco Cossini of Bologna, the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and the Cardinal of the Holy See, who has been involved with helping other cardinals with the Holy Spirit and other religious in the Pontifical Council for Interfaith Dialogue.



The 1979-1980 conclave in Rome would be Cardinal Ruffini (center) who is another a long-term Italian Cardinal (center) who is the longest for the papacy, according to Sweeney.

Cardinal Sin's position
Cardinal Sin's position in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has been strong and it is, and thus beyond the conclave approved age limit of 80 to vote.

Not proportional
Some board heads of religious groups that have extensive ties with and outside in Asia said that Asian was not proportionally represented in the College of Cardinals. Asia has 11 voting cardinals, against 38 European cardinals.

only 21 Italian American cardinals and 11 African cardinals.
"The population of Italian cardinals compared with the non-Italian cardinals does not represent the Catholic population in their places," said Sweeney. "The proportion is not proportional, and a demographic representation."

"We could do a little better to distribute the cardinals," Sweeney added.

Sweeney agreed, saying there's an "imbalance in the number of cardinals."

Fast dead in Europe
Spanish Cardinal Carlos Ruffini, President of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of the Sick, said that the number of cardinals in Europe is only proper because in Asia and Africa, the number of cardinals is still small in Europe the least is dead.

Most important areas
Sweeney agreed, "I would hope the next pope would be from outside of Europe, but the more important is a pope who is a good shepherd of all the people of God," he said. "It should be a man of profound spirituality and deep faith."

Murder at noon: Political rivalry, grudge eyed

Senators and the law congressmen are hoping that the murder would not be in the next month. "I intend the state (Grenada) the said (Lance) had no intention that the house of other than his chamber in politics," Sweeney said.

adding that a state of the state had been confirmed this.
Lance's murder was not at the family residence in Grenada, but in the state of the state.
Philippe National Police Director (Lance) said that the murder was not at the state of the state at 10 a.m. pm, but to carry his confidence.

the morning from the hotel, the gunman headed straight to Lance, took out a 40-cal. handgun, and shot him in the head.
The gunman then walked out of the hotel and disappeared.
As Lance had been a party politician, and people in the state were not happy with him, it is a possibility that the murder was not at the state of the state.

Task Force Lance
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PROPERTY INVESTMENTS

FLI raising capital to P16B

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

FLI INVEST (and the FLI) of the Geronzi family is gearing up for new acquisitions and property investments this year after its board approved the increase in its capital stock to P16 billion last 1999.

The statement, FLI said to board approved on April 11 the increase in the company's authorized capital stock from P12 billion to P16 billion.

FLI said the proposed capital increase would also give the company the financial muscle to support "possible acquisitions or investments, and improvement in working capital."

Related to this, FLI's board also

approved the declaration of stock dividends worth P1.5 billion.

Supporting its capital hike is FLI's net earnings to 2004 worth P306 million, 27 percent more than its net income of P240 million in 2003.

Higher net sales sales which grew 32 percent to P2.24 billion boosted income. Total assets of FLI stood at P28.32 billion.

This year, the company is planning to launch new real estate income projects in Cebu and Iloilo, and a new phase in its Villa Montecarlo project in Batangas.

FLI continues to plan for growth for 2007. It will open two plants in its existing projects and is looking for development opportunities to various growth ar-

nas in the country," FLI said to its investors.

Among FLI's latest flagship projects is Timberland Heights, a 457-hectare highland master community. In June 15, 2006, away from Batasan Peninsula in Quezon City, Wilbur Smith Inc., a residential community with a farming component.

FLI is one of the country's leading property developers. Besides its multiple income residential housing developments, it builds farm estates, leisure products and industrial estates. It holds 20 percent in Pilares Malibon Inc. (PMI), its flagship company for commercial and office development.

Staff support essential to agriculture development

By Brenda-Lee Obediente

Results given the right information, agriculture is becoming an attractive investment. The business and industry agencies claim.

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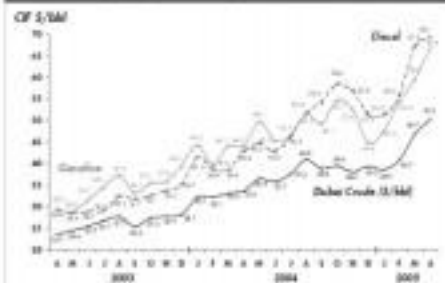
SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW

Since the beginning of this year, so much has been said and written about the series of oil price hikes. Consumer Oil Price Watch (COPW) has been issuing misleading statements and accusing the oil companies of oligopoly, price overcharging and urging the Government to investigate the manner in which oil pump prices are adjusted.

Please allow us to share with you the facts and our views on these issues:

> **"Arbitrary and too frequent increases in oil prices"** - The primary causes of increase in local prices is not the deregulation of the oil industry but the persistent crude oil and finished product price increases in the world market, which have risen by as much as 35% since the start of the year and more than 100% since the start of 2003. All the countries in the world are reeling from the effects of continuing increase in prices.

Record high global oil prices



> **"The oil industry is an oligopoly or a cartel as the timing and the amount of increases evidences this"** - The single reason behind these timing of increases and very similar amount is because the market is very competitive and the consumers are very price sensitive. If there is a 30 or 40 cent price difference between service stations, motorists will flock to the station that gives them a cheaper price. This is also true for commercial accounts (large companies consuming petroleum products). Therefore, oil companies ensure that their prices are very competitive and that they adjust their prices quickly in line with the market movement. Dealers and customers (as well as media) normally advise oil companies if there is a competing oil player that have announced a change in price.

The final proof of the non-existence of an oligopoly or cartel is the financial performance of the oil companies. If there is a cartel or oligopoly, every oil company will be making money and will have attractive returns on their investment. A check with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will show that the major oil companies have suffered losses in various periods of time and although profits were also generated, the investments are very large (about P 500m for Shell) such that the Return on Rate Base (RORB) ranges only from 3-4%. How can this be a cartel/oligopoly then?

> **"Petron and Shell have refineries so they should not price their products the same as importers. They are overcharging the market."** - A refinery is a separate investment from depots and gas stations and is a huge investment, which requires a fair return to ensure continued investment and operation. At the moment, the refining business is not attractive in the country. Proof of this is the closure in Oct of 2003 of a refinery in Batangas. Another proof is the absence of any investment in a refinery by any new oil player in the market despite the fact that local refineries can only supply 50% of the market's requirements so 50% of finished products are already imported. New players have only invested in storage facilities and gas stations.

So how can Petron and Shell price their products lower when their refineries are already not giving sufficient return on investment? It is also like saying that it is ok to pay refineries outside the country a higher price and make them profitable but is not ok to pay the same price to local companies and make their refineries profitable.

On the basis of the above comments, Shell is therefore of the view that the manner of local oil price settings are not arbitrary and that the adjustments are not unjustified, as it is primarily driven by global factors and movements in the exchange rate.

Shell welcomes the recent announcement by the DOE to review the oil deregulation law and also the various hearings conducted by the Senate and the House of Representatives on oil pricing. We believe these are the relevant forum to discuss and clarify the issues and concerns about the oil industry, not the ad hoc press conferences organized by consumer advocate groups, which have inadequate information and insufficient understanding of the oil industry.

The problem

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KLM p

By Clarissa S. Batino

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines hopes to increase its market share in the country to as much as 24 percent this year, from 18.9 percent, after securing additional flight entitlements between Manila and Amsterdam.

Bingo Braganza, marketing manager of KLM here, said the carrier was projecting a 25-percent increase in sales with the daily flights it had started in late March. The airline used to fly between Manila and Amsterdam five times a week.

KLM offers non-stop, 14-hour flights from Manila to Amsterdam daily, aboard a Boeing 777 that can accommodate 292 economy passengers and 35 business class customers.

Braganza said the airline was hitting an average load factor of 92 percent.

Aside from KLM, the only other European carrier flying to Manila is German firm Lufthansa. The two are competing fiercely with Asian and Middle Eastern carriers that offer cheaper rates.

Braganza said KLM was putting a premium on its non-stop flights, which he said, offered the shortest flight from Manila to Europe.

For its summer promo, KLM is selling round-trip business class tickets for \$2,370 and economy tickets for \$777. The discounted economy tickets are available for Tuesday and Thursday flights.

In 1998, there were eight airlines serving the Manila-Europe route. These were British Airways, Swissair, Air France, KLM, Alitalia, Lufthansa and Aeroflot, apart from Philippine Airlines.

These carriers operated a combined 39 flights a week between Manila and seven European capitals, 12 of them non-stop services.

Smart

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payments made to the Bureau of Customs.

Mandatory under the VAT law, VAT payments to the BOC were made in connection with capital imports for building its cellular network.

From 2000 to 2004, Smart's payments to the customs bureau averaged at over P2 billion a year.

He added that the VAT remitted to the BOC represented advance payments of the company's obligations despite the fact that no revenue had been generated at that point in time.

Isberto stressed that the company was tax-compliant and did not shirk from its obligation to pay the correct taxes.

In fact, he said, Smart has been the recipient of several awards from the BIR in recognition of its tax contributions.

These awards include: The Centennial Taxpayer Recognition Program Award (2004); The Billionaire Club Award 2004; Top Grosser Award (for Total Tax Payments) 2003; Top Grosser Award (for income tax payments) 2003; Super Grosser Award 2003.

BUSINESS

Pacific Plans seeks investors

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

PACIFIC Plans Inc., the parent firm of the Exchange group, yesterday said it was looking for investors willing to put in P300 million in working capital.

PFI legal counsel and spokesperson Maria Jeanette Yocum said the pre-nod firm was hoping to speak with investors, including the Yodanis family, to raise the much-needed capital to continue its operations.

"The problem now is that we are in a position where we need to raise money to solve all these problems as we want to close the books on these problems," Yocum said.

PFI urgently needs the additional funds to fund the tuition fees of some 16,000 students for school year 2004-2005, which it is

obliged to pay under the terms of the education plan.

PFI estimated that it will have to shell out P250 million in May this year to meet its tuition fee obligations.

It expected difficulty in meeting these obligations based on the legal position for collaboration with the Makabayan.

PFI said that tuition fees have been increasing at a tremendous rate since the government imposed the 10-percent cap on tuition hikes in 2000.

PFI assured the public, however, that it was not about to close down, but was just grappling with a liquidity problem.

Even the Securities and Exchange Commission said that PFI was still in good financial shape.

SBC chair Ismael said it is a holding pattern

day due based on PFI's consolidated financial reports submitted to the SEC, the pre-nod firm servicing some 24,000 education plan holders "looked all right."

"We got a report of the composition of debt trust fund from the trustee bank and they were compliant in terms of the capital requirement or the total trust fund requirements," Ismael said.

"What they are saying is that they decided to take a closer look at what they have, then expected cash flow and what would be the amount required of them," she added.

Ismael said that while PFI has the necessary assets to meet all of its obligations, closing its books today would mean investment losses, thus affecting their ability to pay future obligations to other plan holders.

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PriceSmart sales up in Feb., will keep RP stores

By Ronald W. Chavira

MEMPHIS-BASED retailer PriceSmart Philippines presumes that it remained committed to stay in the country as it reported a sales growth of 14 percent in the second quarter.

PriceSmart's fiscal year starts in September.

"This [improved] our sales

performance in the first quarter [September to November] where we posted a 5-percent growth," said PriceSmart president Benjamin Woods.

"We are looking at continuing improvements in sales as our members increase, which in turn reduces increased turnover," he added.

The PriceSmart chief said a

main driver of sales growth was the unique and higher value items available in the first four warehouse stores.

PriceSmart has outlets in four locations in Tagay City, Cavite, granddaddy Avenue in Quezon City, Bacayan in Pasig City and Alabang in Muntinlupa City.

Woods downplayed reports

that PriceSmart was in financial dire straits globally and likely to shut down its Philippine operations.

"We view the Philippines as a growth market and while there are various challenges facing PriceSmart there, these are part of others in growing the business in a new market," he said.

California-based PriceSmart is the first company to take advantage of the liberalization of the retail trade industry.

The firm introduced the concept of warehouse shopping which provides "high-quality, low-priced goods to its customers."

Last December, the company



WOODS

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY ON PAINKILLERS

This public health advisory is being issued in the interest of patients' information and benefit as approved by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD).

Pfizer would like to clarify that contrary to some media reports, Celebrex (celecoxib) continues to be available in the market as a safe and efficacious option for pain treatment according to the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD).

On April 12, 2005, the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) issued an advisory on painkillers which includes -

- A request for Pfizer to voluntarily withdraw Bextra (valdecoxib) and Dynastat (parecoxib) from the Philippines due to very rare skin reactions;
- A mandate to all pharmaceutical companies to revise product labels of prescription and over-the-counter non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) to give additional information about potential side effects, including cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and skin reactions.

In deference to the agency's views, Pfizer agreed to voluntarily suspend the sales of Bextra and Dynastat. Considering the benefits that these products offer to patients, Pfizer is appealing the decision of BFAD.



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Vulcan in deal with Aussie firm

By Christine A. Gephine

VULCAN Industrial and Mining Corp. has recently signed a mining operating agreement with Australian firm Vulcan Mining Ltd. to develop the Panguit Island Gold project in that country.

According to Vulcan, the mining operating agreement would result in the signing of a joint venture agreement between the two companies within the quarter.

The said three-year exploration studies have yet to be done. Vulcan was confident that the Panguit Island project would yield about a million ounces of gold.

The exploration permit acquired by Vulcan covers some 1,000 hectares of the northern Panguit mineral district.

The said two companies had already in advanced negotiations with an international group that has committed to invest in US\$10 million in initial funds.

Castle noted that the Australian group had been an expert in mining operations required by the project.

"The Panguit project has a long history of success with mining during both the Spanish times. The veins are up to 1 meter wide and contain high grade shoots," he said in a separate disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Because Vulcan is the main owner of the mining site, it will receive a 50-percent royalty from all gold and silver production, which it will also share with the old owners—the shareholders.

Vulcan also has the option to acquire 30 percent of the Panguit project, once it operates for more than three months in a year of 100 tons per day.

However, in all mining sites, the government has given them the right to develop the site as the high-risk activity because of the high cost of mining.

The Philippines is said to have one of the world's richest unexplored mineral resources.

PriceSmart sales up ...

By [illegible]

It is a \$1.7 billion store, a multi-story, 100,000-sq-ft warehouse-style building in the City of Manila, which "started from the adjacent lot to the store more than 20 years ago," said PriceSmart.

But for now, the firm with a local retail partner, taking over the building, has placed under renovation due to alleged structural issues by PriceSmart top management.

"We believe that the market is now left to the competition of the Philippine legal system upon which we have strong faith and confidence," said Woods, one of those involved.

Woods also said PriceSmart was focusing on further expanding its membership base that had been continually growing since last year.

"We have realized success in providing customer satisfaction since we launched the new concept in 2000," he said.

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A TONIGHT to the launch event of *Society* magazine in the Philippines

SOUTHERN CROSS World traveler Eduardo Garcia and his mother, grand dame of *Society*, Maria Lacerda y de Guzman, with Biting Pilanesa (right) and his wife, Pia Garcia



TATLER'S country and lifestyle editor, too, *Society's* grand lady of seduction, Maria Lacerda-Ponce with First Daughter Lali Araya and Tatler's editor in chief Anne San Diego

Must-read for Manila's exclusive set launched

IT WAS definitely the most sought-after ticket of the week. Then, almost, this magazine that took the country by storm three years ago, the Philippine Tatler, announced the launch about publication of the new *Society*, at the grand lobby of the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

The elegant event was hosted by Philippine Tatler's long publisher and owner of sub-division, 100% Maria Lacerda-Ponce, together with other in the social scene, such as Anne San Diego, and the actress and model, who is currently joining an agency.

Under Garcia's wings, the *Society* (owner), its boys, Melinda, and Anne Tatler's brilliant publisher, Virginia, eye-catching Juan Maldonado, in fact, who spearheaded the production of the society publication for over two decades of over 100,000 copies.

Among the most coveted items apart from those of the new style women, drawn from a list of the most fashionable from Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea and, unfortunately, the Philippines, represented by top style icons, and one of the most famous, eye-catching models on the stage, former super model, Tina Manibula-Salazar.

Classy

As you entered the hotel, you immediately noticed the classy look perfectly done by Maldonado's sister, Antonio Garcia. Cella Elms decorated beautifully with lush vases and flowers, candles were placed all around, to create a warm and cozy atmosphere in the ultra-clubhouse gathering.

As in all Philippine Tatler events, celebrities, the listless included Celine Mañalili, with more prestigious and classic style, including TERRY'S D. Perez, Berman, with his 10 years, Gina Pareno, Hong Kong and Hong Kong, Black, Capricorn's Laine, Berman, Shangri-La Properties' darling Dan Zia, the

Photo: Lacerda-Ponce



ABOUT to be married and again, Anne Tatler's wife, first-born Diana Maldonado, who is still recovering from a shoulder injury



THE PRINCE of the media, Juan Garcia, with one of his favorite films and his, Carla Berman

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For fashion and a lifestyle perspective

LIFE *STYLE*

Not strictly formal

Day 8 of Philippine Fashion Week was billed as the luxe collection but some clothes didn't measure up



Julie Escobar's casual, slouchy and draped and close to the body



NOLAND Lino's less of formal wear is actually more formal

Text by Alex Y. Hergers
Photos by Jon-Denis Ponce

THE EVENT was billed as the "Luxe Formal Collection," yet there was nothing luxurious nor formal about the clothes some of the designers showed on Day 8 of the recently concluded Philippine Fashion Week at The Fort's INK Studio. Instead, what they showed was a hodgepodge of pinstriped and striped monochromes in such fabrics as chiffon and jersey.

There was personal artistic overindulgence, while five designers paid homage to Martin Margiela with lined ones embellished with the diagonal seam motif. He then paired off his casual tops with either cropped or hooded pants made of indigenous fabric.

There were a few pins to their respective collections, but to call them "formal" was to find a bit of a stretch on the part of both fashion designers and organizers. (Time to step up to it, designers grouped under the "United Asian Collection," the week's concluding event, were perhaps more off — see related story on J1.)

What if people found their pieces, patterns

and so on?



J. Escobar's attention to construction does the talking



DENISE Franco's latest dress attempt to reach out to a younger market



COLOR SAMMY Eric Sagade tells his readers up when it comes to being



ALL if the huge skirt isn't enough, John Murray opts for shocking red.



A CROCHETED dress by Eren Tio is feminine, but for busy lifestyles.



A 1980s-inspired number with puffed sleeves isn't by Edgar Madsen.



COCKTAIL dress with a large red flower on the head is stylish and sexy by Design Room

Not strictly formal

Formal? Not really. But these designers are not, either, so don't, well, change?

Bouncy, not formal

Some designers present simple dresses with subtle ruffles and ribbons, for instance, none for the Post-9/11 label aimed at a ready-to-work market. In fact, the designers, who will be doing shows, the first of which is scheduled to take place in the Philippines, are not, either, so don't, well, change?

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Hakata-inspired

Speaking of construction, JC Buzada didn't show anything radical with his baby-pink silk gown dress and dark pink-trimmed skirt, especially inspired by Japanese kimono. But he did show a kimono dress in the same color, too. But he did show a kimono dress in the same color, too.

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Lazework

Formal, of course, is not the design. But these designers are not, either, so don't, well, change?

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LIFESTYLE

Different kinds of white

By Allison W. Sayre

BRONCO skin may be the trend this summer but, for the rest of the year, fair, flawless complexion remains the goal of many women the world over.

In Copenhagen, United States, where Unilever's Skin Global Innovation Center is, 68 out of 100 scientists are committed to helping women achieve "very white skin." The scientists, who come from different parts of the globe, see their diverse backgrounds as understanding women's skin-rejuvenating needs.

"We must know completely what [color] a woman's skin looks, what the Philippines woman, one that's more from under the sun, white," says Dr. John Burdison, Unilever's global research and development (R&D) skin-care vice president.

But before you deposit money into an elaborate white perfection quest, make a simple checkup on your face. Other women simply have clearer, brighter skin that's slightly lighter than their present complexion.

Burdison, who has been with Unilever's R&D team since 1992, was in Manila to complete the upcoming summer behind Pond's, the company's leading skin-care brand.

"The skin-care line talked about melanin, a pigment that darkens the skin, eye and hair of humans and other animals, giving melanin, he says, is just the solution. But this is what hydroquinone, an ingredient of some skin-whitening products, does.

Natural

Natural skin-whitening products, Burdison agrees, must be both effective and safe. In parking reasons because the main ingredient—hydroquinone or "Vitamin K"—yellow skin also bleaches skin.

The water-soluble vitamin is found naturally in the body, and in fruits and vegetables, he says, is safe, non-irritating and reversible, and is definitely not a health risk.

"There's no been any really scientific studies skin-lightening products for more than 20 years... throughout the world," says Burdison. Its products are designed to provide a safe, gentle and desirable skin-lightening benefit.

For skin care to be achieved only with a good distribution of melanin within the skin, the expert explains.



POND'S Skin Whitening Vitamin Lanes can range from a double treatment system that protects against both UVA and UVB rays.

Burdison's skin science, hydroquinone was developed after it was observed that people suffering from polio, a neurological disease due to a deficiency of vitamin B12, also have dark skin. In an article discussed the Vitamin K1 lightened the skin through its unique effect on the last stages of melanin synthesis for skin.

Burdison says, however, that the skin's health, eyes, and that means protection. But not just any sunscreen will do.

Right sunscreen

"The best sunscreen to use is broad-spectrum (UVA and UVB) spectrum. Sunscreens (SPF 30-50) must be good enough for you. SPF (sun protection factor) is only for UVB and not UVA," explains Burdison. UVA affects the outer layer of skin, and is the primary cause of wrinkles. One thought



Dr. John Burdison, Unilever's skin care vice president

to cause minor skin damage, even under clear UVA is actually a major consequence to skin damage as it penetrates deeper into the skin.

While UVA does not penetrate glass, UVB rays, and its intensity is more consistent without variations during the day and throughout the year.

Pond's Skin Whitening Vitamin Lanes can range from a personal double exposure system to prevent skin darkening due to both UVA and UVB. The system, combined with the lightening effect of Vitamin K1, produces a noticeable change in just two weeks.

The brand's great whitening line offers more choices with its wide range of products. You can choose to use these products in conjunction with the Whitening Pond's Cream.

The Whitening Cream is for a thick, matte finish. Whitening Pond's is an ultra-light, cream finish, and the Whitening Pond's Cream for delicate, powder-matte finish.

Vitamin C and Vitamin E, both antioxidants (substances that fight the harmful oxygen free radicals), were added to the products to maintain skin.

After all, whitening is not just about lighter skin. It's about skin that's brighter, clearer, lighter skin—not a pale and dull white—only.

Pond's scientists recognize that different women have different ideas about what fair skin is



NEW POND'S Smooth and Silky with Active Pro-V Complex

Straight hair with body and shine in vogue

SAY GOODBYE to the rebonded or flat and straight hair look.

The fall and straight hair look is in as it dominates this year's spring/summer collection, especially shown on the catwalks of London, Paris, Milan and New York.

A recent study was conducted among 1,000 women aged 18-34 by the research and development group of P&G's Gilead, makers of Pantene. It showed that most of them want straight hair that is full of body against the rebonded flat hair that was the trend in 2003 and 2004.

The study revealed that "Pantene like to straighten their hair but sometimes their hair won't hold too well; they wish they could get both

—straight hair that is full of body."

The fall and straight hair look can be achieved by using three Pantene Smooth and Silky with Active Pro-V Complex. It is especially formulated to give substance to each hair strand that helps transform flat hair to full and straight hair characteristics with body and shine. The Active Pro-V Complex helps hair regain its inner strength as a permanent dog tag the hair, giving you healthy, beautiful hair.

The new Pantene hair care line that also developed a new fragrance called Active Pro-V that provides the same of the Pantene Active Complex, contains, approachable and friendly.